

Editor's Notebook

Due to a schedule conflict, I missed covering the exciting Trident Warrior 2006 series of experiments conducted June 16 through 26 off the southern coast of California and in the Pacific operating area aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard. Previous Trident Warrior exercises focused primarily on optimizing military communications in the fleet and interoperability capability for coalition forces on multiple networks. However, this year's TW also demonstrated a FORCENet "Information Bridge" that allows naval and interagency emergency first responders to exchange information on a near real-time basis.

Participants in this first responder command and control team included Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen along with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and several local municipalities. TW 06 provided a tool for all the participants to coordinate data sharing with federal, state and local participants, a capability deficiency revealed during Hurricane Katrina.

"The benefits to our nation's capability to organize and respond to a crisis will be immediate from the work done during Trident Warrior 2006," said Cmdr. Tony Parrillo, director of the exercise. "We have already been tasked to integrate several of our procedures and technologies to help the East Coast prepare for the 2006 hurricane season."

TW06 is not an isolated event. There is ongoing work across the Department of the Navy and Defense Department to share information and work seamlessly with coalition partners, humanitarian organizations, local, state and federal government agencies — and international agencies. The need is paramount, and DON and DoD leadership are committed to breaking down barriers to information sharing. From "Combined Endeavor" to "Communicating from the field with the Australian Army," you can read about some of these strategic initiatives in this issue of *CHIPS*.

Joint Staff Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems (J6) Lt. Gen. Robert Shea recently said, "We are moving from the need to know — to the need to share."

Let's do our part to be part of this transformation.

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FC2 Rhodeback troubleshoots the Knowledge Wall system with FC3 Wilson, FC3 Tripp and FC3 Stevens onboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), in San Diego, Calif., in the Joint Operations Center in preparation for Trident Warrior 06. TW 06 is the primary FORCENet Sea Trial exercise, co-sponsored by Naval Network Warfare Command and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. It exploits advanced technology concepts to provide the warfighter with information superiority over an adversary for superior decision-making and execution capability in the battlespace. Photo by IS1 Daryl Nicholson.



French Army Sgt. Cedric Marquet and Adjutantochef Stephane Garnung strip cables for telephone connection with Spanish forces during Combined Endeavor 2006 on Lager Aulenbach in Baumholder, Germany, May 13, 2006. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp.

Left, Ramona Waters of U.S. Joint Forces Command Joint Experimentation Directorate and Cmdr. John Hearne from Naval Network Warfare Command at the DON IM and IT Conference May 2006 in Hampton, Va. Heane led a discussion titled "Knowledge Management Fleet Perspective" during the conference. Go to page 48 for more information about the conference. Go to the DON Chief Information Officer Web site at www.doncio.navy.mil to download DON IM and IT Conference presentations.